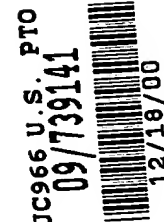




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- (1) Ogawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,933,847, issued August 3, 1999;


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- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.  
(A) 04-078280 (MINOLTA CAMERA CO LTD), published March 12, 1992; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.  
(A) 09-027940 (KYOCERA CORP), published January 28, 1997.

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